Delay in Dankuni Coal Project

1333. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project pertaining to Dankuni Coal Complex, West Bengal has been delayed due to lack of initiative of the management;

(b) whether all the revised schedules for commissioning of project have been violated;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to start work on the project forthwith?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The commissioning of the Dankun Coal Complex (DCC) which was originally scheduled for March, 85 was delayed due to various reasons. A committee set up by the Government to examine the matter came to the conclusion that the main reasons for delay were as follows:—

(1) Receipt of design packages from foreign collaborators;

(2) Delay in structural and erection work in the retort section;

(3) Consolidation of filled-up land;

(4) Vendor selection for gas compressors; and

(5) Import of miscellaneous equipment.

DCC went into trial production of gas in June, '89 but commercial production could not commence because of the inability of the Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation (GCGSC) to receive and distribute the gas produced by the plant. DCC and GCGSC have since agreed upon an off-take schedule for the gas produced and on that basic the plant is now being commissioned. Commercial production of gas from the plant is expected by the end of May, 1990.

Additional facilities of Jabalpur Airport

1334. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no additional facilities can be created or renovation done in the present airport at Jabalpur because the said airport does not belong to their department;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to build a new airport at Jabalpur; and

(c) if not, how the increasing demands for air travel are proposed to be met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Airport belongs to the National Airports Authority. Upgradation of facilities at Jabalpur Airport has not been possible because of certain objections received from Ordnance Depot & Ammunition Factory situated in close proximity to the Airport at Jabalpur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines have handed over HS-748 aircraft and the route to M/s Vayudoot Ltd. who are at present operating six-days-a-week (except Sunday) Dornier service through Jabalpur. Besides, Vayudoot is operating thrice-a-week Avro service on the route Delhi-Allahabad-Jabalpur-Delhi. These services have, however, been suspended temporarily due to scheduling constraints.

Shifting of Category of Rifgampicin

1335. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that producers of Rifampicin represented for shifting this drug to Category-II; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Rifampicin is already in Category-II.

(b) Does not arise.

Increasing Incidence of Malaria

1336. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of Malaria has been increasing over the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are proposed to check this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the absolute number of cases of malaria during the past 3 years as under:—

Year	Number of Cases	Cases/1000 population per year
		(API)
1987	16·63 lakhs	2·21
1988	18·54 lakhs	2·42
1989	19·37 lakhs (Prov.)	2·48 (Prov.)

The reasons for the increase are inadequate spray coverage vector resistance to insecticides in some areas and lack of drainage facilities in migrated areas.

(c) The following specific steps are proposed to be continued to control spread of malaria:—

— Selective judicious residual insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticide.

— Fortnightly surveillance for detection and treatment of cases.

— Bio-environmental control methods through minor engineering modification in rural areas and anti-larval measures through chemicals and use of larvivorous fish and environmental management in urban areas.

— Intensification of special inputs in highly malarious areas with emphasis on personal protection ameasures, community involvement through health education, etc.

Import of Pethidine Hydrochloride

1337. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties which were granted import licences of Pethidine Hydrochloride during the last year and for what quantity;

(b) what is the C.I.F. value and how much customs duty is chargeable;

(c) whether there are problems of selling this drug manufactured indigenously; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) This De-